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OXIDATION OF A STRIP BEFORE CONTINUOUS GALVANIZING, AND

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION (§ 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2008, finally rejecting claims 4-6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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